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-- (H) ROME 7686 (NOTAL) (DTG 270920Z APR 78)
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-- (J) LUXEMBOURG 0453 (NOTAL) (DTG 270945Z APR 78)

1. SUMMIT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW FIRMED SUFFICIENTLY THAT
WE CAN PROVIDE DETAILS ON THE DOD PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE
MINISTERS ON THE FIRST DAY AND OFFER FIRM INVITATIONS.

2. USING OPENING PHRASEOLOGY SUITABLE TO WHETHER OR NOT THE DEFENSE MINISTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE PLANS TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT (REFTELS), NATO CAPITALS, LESS REYKJAVIK AND PARIS, SHOULD PROVIDE THE INVITATION IN PARA 4 BELOW TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOST COUNTRY MINISTERS OF DEFENSE.

3. USNATO SHOULD PROVIDE THE PROPOSED PROGRAM TO SYG LUNS AND ALL PERMREPS WITH ADVICE THAT INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO DEFENSE MINISTERS. MISSION SHOULD REAFFIRM THAT SECRETARY BROWN WILL ATTEND THE SUMMIT OPENING CEREMONY AT 0930, 30 MAY 1978.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF INVITATION

DEAR :

(I AM VERY PLEASED THAT YOU ARE PLANNING) (I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE) TO ATTEND THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON 30-31 MAY. I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS WILL BE A MOST SIGNIFICANT OCCASION FOR THE ALLIANCE AND ONE IN WHICH MINISTERS OF DEFENSE IN PARTICULAR CAN TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE BECAUSE OF THE FINE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.

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SINCE DEFENSE MINISTERS MAY NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL SUMMIT PROGRAM ON THE FIRST DAY, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME AND YOUR FELLOW MINISTERS OF DEFENSE FOR A BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF SOVIET MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SUMMIT AND THEN BE MY GUEST FOR LUNCH IN THE PENTAGON. THE INVITATION APPLIES EQUALLY TO YOUR DEPUTY OR OTHER SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANYING YOU TO WASHINGTON.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS ENCLOSED. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE KENNEDY CENTER TO THE PENTAGON AND RETURN TO INDIVIDUAL DESTINATIONS AFTER THE DOD PROGRAM. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US. SINCERELY,
HAROLD BROWN.

5. DOD PROGRAM:

DOD PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS

FIRST DAY OF SUMMIT, 30 MAY 1978

MORNING

0930 - 1030 - OPEN FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS ATTENDANCE
AT OPENING CEREMONY (KENNEDY CENTER
CONCERT HALL)

1045 - 1300# - INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS FOR DEFENSE
MINISTERS ON SOVIET MILITARY
DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWED BY
QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION (PENTAGON)

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1300 - 1430# - LUNCHEON FOR ALL DEFENSE MINISTERS
HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(PENTAGON)

AFTERNOON - TO BE DETERMINED.

EVENING

2000 # - DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
AT THE WHITE HOUSE

FINAL FIRM TIMES WILL BE PROVIDED.

END TEXT OF INVITATION.

6. FYI. THE LUNCHEON IS INTENDED FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS
PLUS ONLY SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY STAFF WHO MAY BE
ACCOMPANYING THE DEFENSE MINISTER. WE PREFER THAT THIS
BE NOT LOWER THAN THE EQUIVALENT OF THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. FURTHER,
WE PREFER NOT MORE THAN MOD PLUS ONE, BUT WILL ACCEPT
MOD PLUS TWO, IF NECESSARY. EMBASSIES SHOULD MAKE THIS
KNOWN INFORMALLY AS NECESSARY. END FYI.

7. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NAMES OF
THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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